

LOCAL NEWS.

THE MILITIA MUSTERED INTO SERVICE.—Our city was yesterday morning thrown into a somewhat feverish state of excitement by the report that our volunteer soldiers were ordered out for special duty. The reports set about during the day, that Fort Sumter had been attacked, and that Major Ben McCullough was on his way to Washington with a force of five thousand men, to take the Federal capital, and other kindred stories, added to the excitement, and the members of the companies which had been ordered out were in a quandary as to what would be the character of their orders.

On inquiry at the proper quarter we learned that an order had been issued for the muster of several of the companies into the service of the country at a late hour on Tuesday, and the following companies notified to meet yesterday morning:

The National Rifles, Capt. Smead.
Company A, Union Regiment, Capt. Carrington.
One company of the Washington Light Infantry.

One company of the National Guard.
Washington Rifles, Capt. Balbach.
The following companies were also included in the order, but were not notified until yesterday morning:

Potomac Light Infantry, (Georgetown,) Capt. McKenney.
Home Guard, (Georgetown,) Captain Goddard.

Company B, Union Regiment, Capt. Kelly.
Metropolitan Rifles, Captain Nalley.
Turner Rifles, Capt. Gerhardt.

Early in the morning, the members of the various companies met in large numbers at their respective armories, and Colonel Charles F. Stone, Inspector General of the Militia, proceeded on a tour of inspection, visiting each of the armories in turn, and thoroughly examining the arms and accoutrements of each.

The companies, after the inspection, were ordered to proceed to the War Department, where they were inspected by Assistant Adjutant General Irvin McDowell, and the following oath was administered by General Thomas, who is also a notary public:

"I, —, do solemnly swear that I will bear true allegiance to the United States of America; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all enemies or opposers whatsoever; that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States, and of the officers appointed over me, according to the rules of the army of the United States: so help me God."

The National Rifles, to the number of about fifty, met at their armory in the morning, but some twenty-five of their number, finding fault with the orders, and not liking to take the required oath which they understood was to be administered, resigned forthwith. The remainder of the company, numbering twenty-three, rank and file, marched to the War Department. After an inspection of arms, in the enclosure of the Department, they returned to their armory, and were dismissed. The Department, it is said, refused to muster them in the service on account of their small number.

Messrs. J. McGuire, S. Galt, P. Riley, J. Daniels, D. R. Bell, J. Bradley, Carl M. Yulee, A. H. Anderson, John Washington, John H. Ingle, Oscar R. Hough, W. Wheeler, V. H. McCormick, and J. W. Drew, Corporals Doona, Hampton, Cox, and Edwards, and Sergeants Wright and Terry, resigned before leaving the armory. Sixteen others resigned at the evening meeting, making the loss by resignation thirty-three. Captain Smead, as might be expected, is very much exasperated at the conduct of these persons, and threatens to have them placed in the militia. There are still fifty-one members in this company.

Company A, Union Regiment, Capt. Carrington, were the next inspected at the Department, and they presented a truly fine appearance, having out ninety-six muskets. After the inspection had been completed, the oath was read and the men who could not take it were requested to withdraw from the ranks. About ten men stepped out, and after the oath had been administered to the company, on having it explained to them, they agreed to take and abide by it. The oath was then administered to them, and they stepped back into their places.

The Washington Rifles, Lieutenant Locleff commanding, (Captain Balbach being unwell,) were on the ground, but not having the muster roll with them, they returned to the armory. The men were very anxious to be mustered into service, and seemed to regret that they could not be mustered yesterday. They numbered about fifty men, and presented a fine appearance.

The members of the Light Infantry Battalion met in large numbers at the armory of companies A and B, and as the order called for only sixty men, Col. Davis, commanding the battalion, called for volunteers, when nearly all the men responded. The sixty men were then drafted, and the following officers of the detachment announced: Captain, Lemuel Towers, of Company A; Lieutenants Williams, of Company A; Fisher, of Company B; and Utemberle, of Company C. The detachment then marched to the Department, where the arms were inspected. The oath was then administered to all but some eighteen, who refused to take it. Among those who declined to take the oath are Philip J. Ennis, Jos. Reynolds, J. Cahill, Chas. Murray, Charles H. Russell, John McNamee, Sergeant McDermott, Jack Yates, M. Wallace, John Hands, F. A. Stier, H. J. Ebbs. They were put under command of Lieutenant Lord, and marched back to the armory.

The Potomac Light Infantry, of Georgetown, then marched up and went through the usual inspection. The oath was then read, and those who would not take it were requested to leave the ranks. Seventeen men stepped forth, and after their names had been stricken from the muster-roll, were put under the command of the first lieutenant, who marched them back to town at double quick time. As they passed through the crowd at the gate, several persons set up a hurrah for the seceders, while others in the crowd shouted "Put them out!" "Give them a little salt!" and other like remarks, accompanying them with hisses. When this party refused to take the oath, Col. Hollingsworth, of the eighth regiment, remarked that he would fill their places with true and tried men before to-night.

The Carrington Home Guard, of Georgetown, Captain Goddard, was next called up, and the oath was about to be administered, but many of the members being doubtful of their ability to leave their business, the captain said that he would like to inquire as to how many men of his company would serve, and many men of his company would serve, and promised to report this morning. This company presented a fine appearance, and had out fifty-four muskets. The officers are Capt. Goddard and Lieutenants Waugh, Hutchins, and Barber.

The National Guard Battalion, Col. James A. Tait, was also called on for a detachment, and orders were issued for that purpose. The men readily responded to the call, and at an early hour the lower hall of the armory was well filled with men eager to serve. After some discussion as to who should go, it was found that the new company C, Capt. McKim, from the Navy Yard, was willing to go to a man.

They were thereupon accepted, much to the disappointment of the members of the other two companies. In the afternoon, Captain McKim, with his command, marched up to the War Department, but were too late to be accepted.

Col. Charles Smith, U. S. A., has been appointed to the command of the military of this District.

Company B, Union Regiment, Capt. Kelly; Metropolitan Rifles, Capt. Nalley; and the Turner Rifles, Capt. Gerhardt, also were out in large numbers, but owing to the lateness of the hour, the inspection and formality of receiving them into service were postponed until to-day.

The companies accepted were informed that orders as to their duties and stations would be delivered to them at their armories last night. The following is a list of the companies notified and equipped in the District:

President's Mounted Guard, Capt. Owen—75 men, armed with sabres and long-range carbines.
Georgetown Mounted Guard, Capt. Stewart—90 men, armed similar to the President's Mounted Guard.

Washington Light Infantry battalion, (three companies,) Col. J. Y. Davis, and Captains Towers, Dubant, and Stevens—164 rifled muskets.

National Guard battalion, (three companies,) Col. James A. Tait, Captains McKim, King, and Lieut. Lloyd—164 rifled muskets and two field pieces.

Union Regiment, (three companies,) Captains Carrington, Kelly, and Miller—260 rifled muskets.
Henderson Guard, Capt. J. G. Foxwell—50 rifled muskets.

Washington Light Guard, Capt. S. A. H. Marks, Jun.—68 rifles.

Metropolitan Rifles, Capt. Nalley—139 long-range rifles.

National Rifles, Capt. Smead—75 long-range rifles.

Putnam Rifles, Capt. Thistleton—75 rifled muskets.

Mechanics' Union Rifles, Capt. Rutherford—65 long-range rifles.

Turner Rifles, Capt. Gerhardt—80 long-range rifles.

Washington Rifles, Capt. Balbach—80 long-range rifles.

Constitutional Guards, Capt. Degges—73 rifled muskets.

Zouave corps, [Company E, Infantry battalion], Lieut. Powell—64 rifles.

District of Columbia Rifles, [company], Capt. H. Blount—64 rifles.

District Rifles, Capt. Morrison—64 rifles.

Carrington Home Guard, [Georgetown], Capt. Goddard—87 rifled muskets.

Anderson Rifles, Companies A and B, Captains F. W. Jones and C. W. Rodier—161 rifles.

Georgetown City Guard, Capt. C. O. Berry—64 rifles.

Titian J. Coffey, of Penn., has entered upon his duties as Assistant Attorney General.

PRESBYTERY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The regular spring meeting of the Presbytery of the District of Columbia was held on Tuesday night, at the vestry-room of the Ninth Street Presbyterian Church. Owing to the state of the weather, the attendance was small. A sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. Evans, of Granite Church, Maryland; after which, the Presbytery organized by electing Rev. Halsey Denning, D. D., of the First Congregational Church, Baltimore, Moderator.

In the absence of the stated clerk, (Rev. Mr. McLain), Rev. Dr. Smith, of Ninth Street Presbyterian Church, was elected *pro tem*. After organizing, the Presbytery adjourned till 9 o'clock yesterday morning, at which time they again met, and proceeded to examine and pass upon the records of the various churches. A committee was appointed to prepare for the installation of the Rev. T. B. McFall, as pastor of the Assembly's Church, Washington, to which he has been called.

A PASTORAL RESIGNATION.—We understand that a difficulty has occurred in the Bridge St. (Georgetown) Presbyterian church, of which the Rev. Mr. Bocock is pastor, which has occasioned his resignation. The immediate cause of the trouble is the secession proclivities of Mr. B., which have occasionally found vent in his prayers—a fact very obnoxious to his congregation, who are all strong friends of the Union. Mr. Bocock is a brother of the Democratic member of Congress from Virginia, and personally is much esteemed. The present estrangement, therefore, is one much to be regretted.

THE ZOUAVE CORPS.—Col. E. E. Ellsworth, late of the far-famed Chicago Zouaves, has for several weeks past been drilling the Zouave corps in Thorne's Hall on Seventh street. Last evening, about fifty men were present, and from the proficiency shown and the interest manifested, they gave evidence that under Col. E. they would soon equal the celebrated Chicago Zouaves. Nightly the company are receiving accessions to their membership, and they expect to soon parade in large numbers. It is to be hoped that the company will be able to secure Col. Ellsworth as their commander, as he is becoming very popular with them, and it is certain that with the material of the company, he can make it the crack corps of the city.

ALMOST A FIRE.—Mr. Henry Thorn, on passing his building on Seventh street, below Old Fellows Hall, yesterday morning, observed smoke issuing from one of the windows of the third story, which is used as a drill-room by the Zouave corps. On entering the room, it was discovered that a hole, about a foot in diameter, had been burnt in the centre of the floor. It is supposed that it originated from a lighted cigar, thrown upon the floor the evening previous, during the drill of the Zouaves.

THE MONTECELLO arrived at her wharf (Morgan & Rhinehart's, first ward) at 12 o'clock yesterday. She brings a very large amount of freight.

CRIMINAL COURT.—Judge Merrick presiding. Yesterday, Mr. Norris, counsel for John Foley, convicted of the murder of Michael Murphy, argued his motion for a new trial of the case, at considerable length, on the following grounds: First. That the verdict of the jury is against the law. Second. That it is against the weight of evidence. Third. That the defendant has obtained newly discovered evidence which neither he nor his counsel knew of until after the trial, and which they could not have discovered by any diligence on their part, and which, if it had been produced at the trial, would have secured a verdict of acquittal.

Fourth. That the jury misconceived the instructions granted by the court.

Mr. Norris also read sundry affidavits, all going to show the condition of the prisoner's mind at the time of and before the shooting of Murphy.

The court overruled the motion for a new trial, chiefly on the ground that the facts set forth in the affidavits went to the prisoner's mental condition after the murder had been committed, and, even if proven before the jury,

could have had but little if any weight in influencing their verdict.

No other business coming up, the court was adjourned until Tuesday next.

The court deferred its decision in the case of Bailey until Tuesday next.

A SPECIMEN OF THE SECESSIONISTS.—A man, who gave his name as John Kelly, and hailing from Charleston, S. C., was arrested about 11 o'clock last night, and taken before Justice Clark at the Guardhouse, charged with committing a violent and premeditated assault upon Samuel Strong, Esq. From the evidence in the case, it appeared that Mr. Strong, accompanied by a friend of his, Mr. Christopher Adams, was crossing Twelfth street and Pennsylvania avenue, when Kelly commenced following them with a stone in his hand, and began abusing them in a most insulting manner.

Mr. S., not wishing to have anything to do with him, hurried on to avoid him, when Kelly came up behind him and caught him by the coat, tearing it considerably, and at the same time struck him a violent blow on the head. The assaulted party turned upon the ruffian, and gave him a few more of the same sort, and then continued his walk.

When they got to the corner of Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue, one of them saw Kelly slyly approaching, with a large stone in his hand, which he threw at Mr. Strong, striking him on the head. Mr. Strong caught him, threw him on the ground, and held him until police officers arrived, who took him to the guardhouse. On the way there, he cut a good many antics; and at the guardhouse he became so uproarious that they confined him in a cell. Probably he will be sent to the workhouse, thus depriving secessionism of one advocate.

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Carpet-covered Reception Chairs, Oval Mirror.

Mahogany Bookcases and Shelves, Mahogany Wharfedale.
Damask, Lace, and Chintz Window Curtains.

Three complete Painted and Gilt Cottage Chamber Suits.

Three complete Plain Painted Cottage Chamber Suits.

Bed and Cotton and Husk Mattresses, Blankets, Comforts, &c.

Brussels, Three-ply, and Ingrain Carpets, Oil-cloth.

Parlor and Chamber Suits.
Chintz-covered Easy Chairs.

Walnut Extension Dining Table.
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China, Glass, and Crockery Ware.
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Fine Tapestry, Parlor, Brussels, Stair, and Carpets.

Fine Hall and other Oilcloth, Druggist, and Mattings.

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Lot of Whisky in bottles.
Fine lot Cognac and other Brandy, in bottles.
Fine lot Bitters, Cordials, and Holland Gin in bottles.

Fine lot Percussion Caps, Lamp Wick, and Steel Pens.
Fancy Soaps, Tea Caddies, Letter Press, and Iron Safe.

Three sets Scales and Weights.
One fine set Brass Scales and Weights.
Funnels, Measures, and Scoops.

With many other articles in the shopkeeping line.

Also—
The Furniture in the house, comprising a general assortment of Household Goods.

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